



**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE – EXAMINING GROUP 3739**

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant:	John H. Burton et al.	Examiner:	R. Kearney
Serial No.:	09/477,977	Group Art Unit:	3739
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Title:	IMPLANTABLE DEVICE AND METHOD FOR ADJUSTABLY RESTRICTING A BODY LUMEN		

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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No amendments are made in this response to the Final Office Action mailed July 15, 2005. This response is accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a three-month extension of the period for responding to the Office action, thereby moving the deadline for response from October 15, 2005 to January, 15, 2006. This response filed January 16, 2006 is timely as January 15, 2006 falls on a Sunday.